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LETTER DATED 22 APRIL 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter of 18 April 1994 about the situation in Gorazde (S/1994/466), I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of the members of the Security Council the text of decisions taken at a meeting of the North Atlantic Council earlier today which I have received from the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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Annex

Decisions taken at the meeting of the North Atlantic Council on 22 April 1994*

The Council

1. Reaffirmed the readiness of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), as stated at the January NATO Summit, to support the United Nations in its efforts to protect Gorazde as authorized under Security Council resolutions 824 (1993), 836 (1993) and 844 (1993), noting also Security Council resolution 913 (1994);

2. Reaffirmed its support for a negotiated settlement of the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina and called for the intensification of the efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement; and in this context, welcomed the coordination and close consultation between the United States of America, the Russian Federation, the United Nations and the European Union with the aim of bringing together current diplomatic initiatives;

3. Reiterated its determination to carry out its previous decisions in support of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) as it carries out its overall mandate;

4. Demanded strict respect for the safety of UNPROFOR and other United Nations and relief agency personnel throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and for the right of free access of all these personnel to United Nations-designated safe areas, and reaffirmed NATO's readiness to provide close air support in the event Bosnian Serb forces attack UNPROFOR or other United Nations and relief agency personnel throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina or forcibly interfere with the conduct of their mandate;

5. Responding to the request contained in the letter of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 18 April 1994 (S/1994/466);

6. Agreed that Bosnian Serb actions in and around the city of Gorazde meet the conditions in relation to civilian centres identified by NATO on 2 August 1993 as grounds for air strikes;

7. Agreed that unless:

(a) Bosnian Serb attacks against the safe area of Gorazde (see Security Council resolution 824 (1993), para. 3) cease immediately;

(b) Bosnian Serb forces pull back 3 kilometres from the centre (to be specifically identified forthwith by NATO military authorities in consultation with UNPROFOR) of the city by 0001 GMT on 24 April 1994;

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* Greece recalled its position as stated in the Council.

(c) From 0001 GMT on 24 April 1994, United Nations forces, humanitarian relief convoys and medical assistance teams are free to enter Gorazde unimpeded, and medical evacuations are permitted;

The Commander-in-Chief of NATO's Southern Command is authorized to conduct air strikes against Bosnian Serb heavy weapons and other military targets within a 20 kilometre radius of the centre of Gorazde (but inside the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina) in accordance with the procedural arrangements worked out between NATO and UNPROFOR following the Council's decisions of 2 and 9 August 1993;

8. Called upon the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina not to undertake offensive military action from within the safe area of Gorazde;

9. Invited the Secretary-General to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of this decision.